

## Message Text

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AMCONSUL KRAKOW POUCH  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 8580

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECON EAL SOCI PL  
SUBJ: SUDDEN IMPROVEMENT IN MEAT SUPPLY SITUATION IN  
WARSAW AREA

REF: WARSAW 8022

1. OVER THE PAST WEEK THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED A  
SUDDEN, SHARP INCREASE IN SUPPLIES OF MEAT AVAILABLE  
IN THE CITY OF WARSAW AND THE SURROUNDING METRO-  
POLITAN AREA. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, STORES HAVE HAD  
MEAT ON THE COUNTERS AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AS  
LATE AS THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. LINES OF  
SHOPPERS OUTSIDE MEAT AND OTHER FOOD STORES ALSO  
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APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY SHORTER THAN THOSE OBSERVED  
EARLIER THIS MONTH AND AS RECENTLY AS TEN DAYS AGO.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RUNORS  
THAT THIS SUDDEN LARGESSE ON THE PART OF THE  
GOVERNMENT SUPPLY SYSTEM MAY BE DUE TO THIS WEEK'S  
VISIT OF FRG CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, WE THINK IT

MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT IT IS A DIRECT EFFORT TO EASE  
CONSUMER TENSIONS. AS A RESULT OF THOSE TENSIONS, IT  
IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO LAUNCH  
THE INCREASE IN SUPPLY WHICH CUSTOMARILY PRECEDES  
CHRISTMAS EARLY THIS YEAR.

3. WHATEVER THE REASON, THIS ABRUPT UPSURGE IN  
SUPPLY PROVIDES A  
VISIBLE INDICATION OF GOVERNMENT SENSITIVITY TO THE  
POPULAR MOOD AND DETERMINATION TO MOVE QUICKLY  
TO AVOID DANGEROUS SMALL EXPLOSIONS.

4. A PARALLEL INDICATION -- WHICH IS DIFFICULT OT  
ASSESS ACCURATELY -- HAS BEEN THE PRESENCE OF LARGER  
THAN USUAL POLICE PATROLS ON WARSAW STREETS AT  
VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THESE HAVE  
BEEN EVIDENT MAINLY ON WEEKENDS. END COMMENT.  
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